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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants, as a small entity, hereby petition that the period for replying to the Office action that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned application on December 12, 2003 be extended for one month, to and including April 12, 2004.

Applicants hereby assert that the present application is entitled to small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c)(1).

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